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SENATE BILL NO. 456

Senate Amendments in [] — January 29, 2018

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-23 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Superintendent of Public Instruction; school [~~eliminate~~ personnel] survey.

Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senators McClellan and Mason; Delegate Kory

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-23 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-23. Duties in general.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:

1. Serve as secretary of the Board of Education;

2. Provide such assistance in his office as shall be necessary for the proper and uniform enforcement of the provisions of the school laws in cooperation with the local school authorities;

3. Prepare and furnish such forms for attendance officers, teachers and other school officials as are required by law;

4. (Expires July 1, 2020) At least annually, survey all local school divisions to identify critical shortages of teachers and administrative personnel by geographic area, by school division, or by subject matter, and report such critical shortages to each local school division and to the Virginia Retirement System;

5. Develop and provide to local school divisions a model exit questionnaire for teachers;

6. Develop and [~~make available annually to~~ administer biennially to individuals holding a license from the Department in] each public elementary and secondary school [~~teacher~~] in the Commonwealth a voluntary and anonymous school [~~eliminate~~ personnel] survey to evaluate school-level teaching conditions and the impact such conditions have on teacher retention and student achievement. Such survey [~~shall~~ may] include questions regarding school leadership, teacher leadership, teacher autonomy, demands on teachers' time, student conduct management, professional development, instructional practices and support, new teacher support, community engagement and support, and facilities and other resources. [The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall report the results of any school personnel survey to the House Committees on Appropriations and Education and to the Senate Committees on Finance and Education and Health.]

7. Along with the State Health Commissioner, work to combat childhood obesity and other chronic health conditions that affect school-age children;

8. Designate an employee of the Department of Education to serve as its liaison to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the State Board for Community Colleges; and

9. Perform such other duties as the Board of Education may prescribe.

[2. That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriation act passed in 2018 by the General Assembly that becomes law.]

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